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NEWS AND EVENTS

- His Excellency Prof. Arthur Peter Mutharika calls for increased investment in Science, Technology and Innovations to drive Africa's development Agenda
- Communiqué: 12th African Crop Science Society to be held in South Africa, 2017
- The RUFORUM Graduate Research Grant (GRG): A Focus on Students from Mozambique
- The RUFORUM Graduate Research Grant (GRG): A Focus on Students from Uganda
- Opinion: <u>UN development goals A bigger role for universities?</u>

PUBLICATIONS

- Land use and land cover change detection in rural areas of River Lwiro micro-catchment, Lake Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo (Bagalwa et al, 2015)
- Presentations from the Ministerial Consultative Meeting on Strengthening Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa:
 - Status and trends in higher education in Africa
 - Higher education and the knowledge based economy in Africa: Selected country views
 - An overview of STI in Africa
- From our archives: Graduate Environmental and Agricultural Research (GEAR): A guide to effective and relevant graduate research in Africa (Muir-Leresche, Kay, Richard Coe, Adipala Ekwamu [eds.]).

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards:

- (New) 2016 Erasmus+ call for proposals to modernise and improve higher education.
- Carnegie Fund for Conference Attendance (CFCA) to support African beneficiaries of Carnegie-supported postgraduate degree and postdoctoral programs. Deadline: 30 October, 2015
- Regional African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards 2015 Edition. Regional awards for women in the five Regions of Africa. Deadline: 30 October, 2015
- University of St. Andrews Prize for the Environment 2016. Deadline: 31 October, 2015

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) – www.ruforum.org











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- Innovation Prize for Africa (IPA) 2016. Open to African academics, entrepreneurs and inventors. Deadline: 31 October, 2015.
- (New) NAFSA Global Dialogue Fellowship Program to support university leaders in selected sub-Saharan African countries. Deadline: November 2, 2015.
- Continental African Union Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards 2015 Edition. Deadline: 15 November, 2015
- European Research Council awards for starting grants 2016. Open to all researchers with 2 to 7 years' postdoctoral experience. Deadline: 17 November, 2015
- (New) Call for concept notes for the Sustainable Agricultural Intensification Research and Learning Programme in sub-Saharan Africa (SAIRLA) research opportunity. **Deadline: 19 November, 2015.**
- (New) Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program (CADFP) calls for universities in Africa and African-born academics in the United States and Canada to apply for funding to undertake joint projects. 140 projects will be supported in 2016 and 2017. Deadline: December 8, 2015
- Swiss-African Research Cooperation (SARECO) grants for exchange visits, joint seminars, and joint workshops between Swiss researchers and researchers in Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Senegal, Uganda, and Zambia. Deadline: Open till funding threshold is reached.

Scholarships:

- RU/2015/DRG/02: Doctoral Regional Research Scholarships for finalization of PhD research and dissemination of findings. Deadline: 30 December, 2015
- RU/2015/GTA/DRG/01: Doctoral Regional Research Scholarships for RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistants at member universities. Deadline: 30 December, 2015
- Scholarships from The Graduate Institute Geneva for African students interested in pursuing Master's or PhD studies starting September 2016. Deadline: 15 January 2016
- short courses Australia Awards Scholarships for master-level degrees and for African professionals. Applications will be received from September to December each year.
- Aspen Institute New Voices Fellowship 2016. Nominations for this one year program in media skills, communication, and leadership for development professionals now open. 2016 priorities include agriculture/food security. Deadline: 1 November, 2015
- NFP Tailor-Made Training Programme for staff in organisations. Deadline: 1 November, 2015
- Graduate Research Grant: U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security. Deadline: 9 November, 2015













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- 2016 Commonwealth Scholarships for Developing Commonwealth Countries' Students. Supports Master's and PhD study in any field at UK Universities. Deadline: 19 November, 2015
- Opening of application window Earth University. Deadline for applicants from Africa: 30 November, 2015
- DREAM Project scholarships for master and doctorate students and university staff members to undertake a mobility period or full degree in Europe. Deadline: 1 December 2015
- Gates Cambridge Scholarship for Postgraduate International Students, 2016. Open to non-UK citizens to study at the University of Cambridge. Deadline: 2 December 2015
- Norman E. Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program (Borlaug LEAP) fellowships for graduate students from developing countries. Deadline: 2 December, 2015
- RUFORUM Field Attachment Program Award (FAPA) for MSc students. Proposals will be accepted throughout 2015
- Harvard University Environmental Fellowships 2016. Candidates with a doctorate in any subject area from any university in the world are eligible. Deadline: 13 January, 2016
- PhD training opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program. **Deadline: Open** call

Calls for papers:

- (New) Call for papers on enterprises as incubators of universities by the Science, Technology, and Globalization Project, Harvard Kennedy School. Deadline for abstracts: November 30, 2015.
- Call for short, extended abstracts and posters/exhibitions for the 5th African Higher Education Week & RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016. Deadline: 30th June, 2016.
- Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development

FEATURED VIDEO: Making Science, Technology & Innovation work in Higher Agricultural Education for Africa









